

MC&G

1 December 1969

MEMO OF CONVERSATION

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SUBJECT: (NRO) - Friday, 28 November 1969

1. George stopped by briefly for the routine bi-weekly visit. Social note: Come Monday, 1 December, there will be a two-week exodus from NRO to the "Pacific". Nearly everyone except George appears to be going to a series of conferences and visitations during the period.

2. Anti-social note: Once again George dealt with the continued feverish activity by our MC&G colleagues. Their attached preliminary draft memo to NRO is the latest development. The info it requests and the 2 and 8 December deadlines mentioned relate primarily to an agenda item for the "Pacific" discussions on the MC&G non-Satellite (Ground) collection program which is apparently threatened with some drastic cuts. Concerning the current status of KH-4 fulfillment of M&C requirements, George noted the following points.

- If NRO gave all the film on the five remaining CORONA's to MC&G, it still couldn't meet their requirement.
- The standing COMIREX-USIB record on M&C coverage nowhere states any specific amount of film allocation. Could ICRS spell out on future mission requirements something like "no more than X percent of film" for MC&G and allow NRO to take advantage of any clear breaks in the weather.

NRO review(s) completed.

3. Finally, a reminder on the re-drafted MC&C paper for USIB asking for Doppler-beacon add on all six remaining KH-4's. The cost estimate of [] is now being checked out with the West Coast, but in any event, NRO does not have the money for this and it must come from DoD supplemental funding.

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TO: NRO

SUBJECT: Gaps in KH-4 Coverage in MC&G Requirement Areas Outside
Sino Soviet

4 present is 12/1/69
Reference briefing on this subject given your SOC on 26 November 1969.

For basic capability planning, information is needed on high priority basis as to effort required to complete certain MC&G requirements for KH-4 coverage; specifically, information is needed as to what percentage of film of the next 4 KH-4 missions would be required to complete 90-100% cloud free photography in line with present MC&G requirement criteria for the first priority MC&G requirement areas outside the Sino Soviet. These first priority areas should be reduced by such areas of existing aerial photo coverage which can be used satisfactorily regardless of production cost for handling pertinent gap areas; an overlay depicting these areas will be furnished SOC this date. The remaining 1st priority areas should be analyzed as follows: (a) Total remaining area and (b) total remaining area less those regions considered potentially open for filling gaps by aircraft photography during next 2 years; an overlay showing this distinction will also be furnished SOC this date. Information is needed in approximate terms by 1000 hours 2 December. Refined data is needed by 8 December.

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